

## REMARKS

Claims 1-30, as amended, remain in this application. Attached hereto is marked version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment, which is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."** Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Due to the number of amendments, a substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125 and MPEP § 608.01(q) is submitted herewith to facilitate the prosecution of this application. The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked-up copy showing the changes between the original application, as filed, and the substitute specification. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter and includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy. Applicants respectfully request that the substitute specification be entered in this case.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 26 and 28, have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A cathode ray tube comprising:

a faceplate panel having a substantially flat exterior surface and a substantially concave interior surface; and

a phosphor screen ~~formed~~ on the interior surface of the faceplate panel, the phosphor screen having a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a diagonal axis;

wherein a length from a central portion of the phosphor screen to a point where a vertical side line of the phosphor screen intersects the horizontal axis is less than a length from the central portion of the phosphor screen to a point where the vertical side line intersects the diagonal axis.

2. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 1 satisfying the following conditions:

$$0.5\% \leq (X_{pin}/H_d) \times 100 \leq 1.5\%$$

where  $X_{pin}$  is a gap from a point where the horizontal axis intersects the vertical side line of the phosphor screen to a point where the horizontal axis of the phosphor screen intersects a ~~vertical~~ line vertically connecting a point where the diagonal axis intersects the vertical side line of the phosphor screen to a point on the horizontal axis; and

$H_d$  is the length from the central portion of the phosphor screen to the point where the vertical side line of the phosphor screen intersects the horizontal axis.

6. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ a ratio of light

transmission at a peripheral portion on a diagonal corner of ~~the~~ an effective screen of the cathode ray tube to light transmission at a central portion of the effective screen is 0.85 or greater.

7. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 6 wherein a light transmissivity at ~~a~~ the central portion of the panel is 85% or greater.

9. (Amended) A cathode ray tube comprising:  
a faceplate panel having a substantially flat exterior surface and a substantially concave interior surface; and

a phosphor screen ~~formed~~ on the interior surface of the faceplate panel, the phosphor screen having a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a diagonal axis;

wherein the faceplate panel comprises an effective screen corresponding to the phosphor screen; ~~and, the effective screen comprises~~ comprising a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a diagonal axis, wherein a length from a central portion of the effective screen to a point where a vertical side line of the effective screen intersects the horizontal axis is less than a length from the central portion of the effective screen to a point where the vertical side line intersects the diagonal axis.

10. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 9 satisfying the following conditions:

$$0.5\% \leq (X'_{pin}/H'd) \times 100 \leq 1.5\%$$

where  $X'_{pin}$  is a gap from a point where the horizontal axis intersects the vertical side line of the effective screen to a point where the horizontal axis of the effective screen intersects a ~~vertical~~ line vertically connecting a point where the diagonal axis intersects the vertical side line of the effective screen to a point on the horizontal axis; <sub>1</sub> and

Hd is the length from the central portion of the effective screen to the point where the vertical side line of the effective screen intersects the horizontal axis.

11. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 9 wherein the concave interior surface has a curvature radius  $R_p$  satisfying the following condition:

$$1.2R \leq R_p \leq 8R$$

where  $R = 1.767 \times$  a diagonal width of ~~an~~ the effective screen of the cathode ray tube.

14. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 9 wherein ~~the~~ a ratio of light transmission at a peripheral portion on a diagonal end of the phosphor screen to light transmission at a central portion of the ~~panel~~ effective screen is 0.85 or greater.

15. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 14 wherein a light transmissivity at ~~a~~ the central portion of the panel is 85% or greater.

17. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 9 wherein a diagonal end of ~~an~~ the effective screen of the cathode ray tube satisfies the following condition:

$$B \leq t_1 \leq A$$

where B is a peripheral thickness of the faceplate panel on the diagonal end of the effective screen when a curvature radius  $R_p$  of the concave interior surface is  $8R$ , where  $R = 1.767 \times$  a diagonal width of the effective screen, and A is a peripheral thickness of the faceplate panel on the diagonal end of the effective screen when ~~the~~ a ratio of light transmission at a peripheral portion of the faceplate panel on the diagonal end of the effective screen to light transmission at ~~a~~ the central portion of the effective screen is 0.85.

18. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 17 wherein the curvature radius  $R_p$  is identical to a diagonal curvature radius of the diagonal axis of the ~~phosphor~~ effective screen.

19. (Amended) A cathode ray tube comprising:

a faceplate panel comprising a substantially flat exterior surface and a substantially concave interior surface;

a phosphor screen ~~formed~~ on the concave interior surface of the faceplate panel;

a funnel sealed to ~~a rear end of~~ the faceplate panel;

a shadow mask ~~placed behind the faceplate panel, the shadow mask~~ having an effective electron beam-passing area ~~on which~~ comprising a plurality of apertures ~~are formed~~;

an electron gun mounted in a neck portion of the funnel; and

a deflection yoke ~~placed~~ around an outer periphery of the funnel;

wherein the faceplate panel comprises an effective screen corresponding to the phosphor screen; ~~wherein the effective screen comprises~~ comprising a horizontal axis H', a vertical axis V' and a diagonal axis D', wherein a length from a central portion of the effective screen to a point where a vertical side line of the effective screen intersects the horizontal axis H' is less than a length from the central portion of the effective screen to a point where the vertical side line intersects the diagonal axis D'; and

wherein the effective beam-passing area of the shadow mask comprises a horizontal axis Hs, a vertical axis Vs and a diagonal axis Ds, wherein a length Hsd from a central portion of the effective beam-passing area to a point where ~~the~~ a vertical side line of the effective beam-passing area intersects the horizontal axis Hs is less than a length from the central portion of the effective beam-passing area to a point where the vertical side line of the effective beam-passing area intersects the diagonal axis Ds.

25. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 19 wherein a light transmissivity

at ~~a~~the central portion of the panel is 85% or greater.

26. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim 19 wherein ~~the~~a ratio of light transmission at a peripheral portion on a diagonal end of the ~~phosphor-effective~~ screen to light transmission at a central portion of the ~~panel-effective~~ is 0.85 or greater.

28. (Amended) A cathode ray tube of claim ~~9~~19 wherein the faceplate panel satisfies the following condition:

$$y_1 - y_2 \leq 0$$

where  $y_1$  is a distance between the exterior surface and a visual image on a central axis of the faceplate panel and  $y_2$  is a distance between the exterior surface and a visual image on a periphery of the faceplate panel.

## CATHODE-RAY TUBE

### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS AND PATENTS

This is a CIP of pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/724,186 filed  
5 on November 27, 2000, which is a Continuation Application of U.S. patent  
application Ser. No. 09/058,544, filed on April 10, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No.  
6,160,344. The above-named patent applications and patent are assigned to  
the same entity; and are incorporated herein by reference.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### (a) Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a cathode-ray tube (CRT) having a  
faceplate panel, and more particularly, to a CRT faceplate panel for producing a  
15 uniform and clear visual image across the entire area of a viewing screen.

#### (b) Description of the Related Art

Generally, CRTs are designed to reproduce a picture image on a screen  
of a faceplate panel by exciting phosphors coated on an interior surface of the  
20 faceplate panel with electron beams emitted from an electron gun and passing  
through apertures of a color-selecting shadow mask. The shadow mask  
ensures that each electron beam lands on the correct phosphor.

The faceplate panel is usually formed with a transparent glass plate  
having curved interior and exterior surfaces. These curved surfaces enable the

panel to withstand the high-vacuum in the CRT and facilitate the landing of the electron beams on the phosphor screen.

However, such a faceplate panel involves a relatively broad light-reflecting exterior area in peripheral portions, thereby deteriorating the brightness of those areas and distorting the appearance of the picture.

To remedy this problem, a glass plate having flat interior and exterior surfaces has been developed to be used for the CRT panel. Such a panel employs a flat tension mask to perform the color-selecting function, the flat tension mask corresponding to the flat interior surface of the panel. The flat tension mask has predetermined horizontal and vertical tensional strengths to prevent the occurrence of a doming phenomenon.

However, in this type of panel, the visual images realized through the phosphor screen and refracted on the panel appear depressed to the user in the center portion of the viewing screen. The problem becomes more severe with larger-sized screens.

To overcome this drawback, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication Nos. H6-44926 and 6-36710 introduce a CRT faceplate panel, which is flat on an exterior surface but curved on an interior surface. However, the images realized through these inventions appear bulged outward. Further, because the peripheral portions of the panel are considerably thicker than the center portions, the brightness of the screen is deteriorated.



## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~It is an object of an embodiment of the present invention to provide a CRT faceplate panel for producing a uniform visual image across the entire area of a viewing screen.~~

5       ~~It is another object of an embodiment of the present invention to provide a CRT faceplate panel having an optimum light transmission rate to realize a clear visual image across the viewing screen.~~

~~It is still another object of an embodiment of the present invention to provide a CRT having a faceplate panel for producing a clear visual image~~  
10 ~~across the viewing screen.~~

In one aspect of the present invention, ~~In order to achieve these objects and others, an embodiment of the~~ a CRT includes a faceplate panel ~~includes a~~ faceplate panel having a substantially flat exterior surface and a substantially concave interior surface, and a phosphor screen ~~formed on the~~ an interior  
15 surface of the faceplate panel. The phosphor screen has a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a diagonal axis. A length from a central portion of the phosphor screen to a point where a vertical side line of the phosphor screen intersects the horizontal axis is less than a length from the central portion of the phosphor screen to a point where the vertical side line intersects the diagonal  
20 axis.

In another aspect of the present invention, ~~The~~ faceplate panel ~~comprises~~ includes an effective screen corresponding to the phosphor screen. ~~That is, the~~ effective screen ~~comprises~~ includes a horizontal axis, a vertical

axis and a diagonal axis, wherein a length from a central portion of the effective screen to a point where a vertical side line of the effective screen intersects the horizontal axis is less than a length from the central portion of the effective screen to a point where the vertical side line intersects the diagonal axis.

5        In yet another aspect of the present invention, ~~The~~ cathode ray tube ~~further comprises~~ includes a shadow mask ~~placed behind the faceplate panel,~~ ~~the shadow mask~~ having an effective electron beam-passing area ~~on which~~ having a plurality of apertures ~~are formed~~, in which the effective beam-passing area of the shadow mask ~~comprises~~ includes a horizontal axis  $H_s$ , a vertical  
10    axis  $V_s$  and a diagonal axis  $D_s$ , wherein a length  $H_{sd}$  from a central portion of the effective beam-passing area to a point where ~~the~~ a vertical side line of the effective beam-passing area intersects the horizontal axis  $H_s$  is less than a length from the central portion of the effective beam-passing area to a point where the vertical side line of the effective beam-passing area intersects the  
15    diagonal axis  $D_s$ .

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A more complete appreciation of the invention, and many of the attendant advantages thereof, will be readily apparent as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when  
20    considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a partial sectional view of a CRT according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a diagram illustrating a visual image with respect to an interior

surface of a panel depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a partial sectional view illustrating a curvature radius of an interior surface of a panel depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a graph illustrating a uniformity of a visual image with respect to  
5 the curvature radius of an interior surface of a panel depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a graph illustrating a light transmission ratio at the center and periphery of a panel with respect to a curvature radius of an interior surface of a panel depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a diagram illustrating a horizontal curvature radius and a vertical  
10 curvature radius of a shadow mask depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is a partial sectional view illustrating a curvature radius of a shadow mask depicted in Fig. 1;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view illustrating a relation between a phosphor screen and an effective screen of a conventional cathode ray tube;

15 Figs. 9 and 10 are diagrams illustrating a relation between an effective screen and an image area of a conventional cathode ray tube;

Fig. 11 is a diagram illustrating a phosphor screen according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 12 is a diagram illustrating an effective screen according to a  
20 preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 13 is a diagram illustrating a shadow mask according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

5 Fig. 1 is a partial sectional view of a CRT according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 1, the inventive CRT includes a faceplate panel 1 having a phosphor screen 15, a funnel 3 sealed to the rear of the panel 1, a shadow mask 5 behind the panel 1 with the phosphor screen 15 interposed therebetween, an electron gun 7 mounted within the neck  
10 of the funnel 3, and a deflection yoke 9 placed around the outer periphery of the funnel 3. In such a CRT, visual images are produced by exciting phosphors on the phosphor screen 15 with electron beams emitted from the electron gun 7 and passing through the shadow mask 5, the shadow mask 5 performing a color-selecting function.

15 The panel 1 has a flat exterior surface 11 to minimize reflection of external light and produce clear visual images even on the peripheral edges of the viewing screen. In contrast, the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 is concave. That is, the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 is curved in a direction toward the flat exterior surface 11. This curved interior surface 13 is an  
20 essential feature of an embodiment of the present invention for producing a uniform visual image across the entire area of the viewing screen.

The shadow mask 5 has a curvature corresponding to the interior surface 13 of the panel 1. The inventive shadow mask 5 is formed using a

pressing process. Accordingly, manufacture of the inventive shadow mask 5 is considerably easier and less costly than the flat tension mask used in the prior art CRT.

Referring now to Fig. 2, shown is a diagram illustrating the relation  
5 between a visual image and the interior surface 13 of the panel 1. In the drawing, when the distance between the user and the exterior surface 11 is determined to be equal to the horizontal width  $h$  of the effective screen, the curved interior surface 13 should be set to satisfy the following mathematical formula 1. This prevents the phenomenon in which the effective screen  
10 appears to have a concave shape to the user, and results in a uniform visual image.

Referring to Fig. 2,

$$y_1 - y_2 \leq 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $y_1$  is the distance between the exterior surface 11 and a visual  
15 image line 17 on a central axis of the faceplate panel 1, and  $y_2$  is the distance between the exterior surface 11 and the visual image line 17 at the periphery of the faceplate panel 1. In the above formula,  $y_1 - y_2$  can be regarded as a measure of the degree of uniformity of the visual image.

The above effective screen is an imaginary plane on the exterior surface  
20 11 when the phosphor screen 15 is vertically projected thereon. The reason that the distance between the user and the exterior surface 11 is determined to be the horizontal width  $h$  of the effective screen is because the relation between the viewing angle and uniformity of the visual image can be properly judged

from that distance.

Fig. 3 is a schematic diagram illustrating the relation between the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 and the thicknesses  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  of the panel 1. Namely,  $t_1$  indicates the thickness of the central portion of the panel 1 while  $t_2$  indicates the thickness of the peripheral portion of the panel 1 at the diagonal corner of the effective screen. Because of the curvature of the interior surface 13,  $t_2$  is greater than  $t_1$ .

The unit value  $R$  of the curvature radius  $R_p$  is given by the following mathematical formula 2:

$$R = 1.767 \times d, \quad (2)$$

where  $d$  is the diagonal width of the effective screen. The above formula is derived from the published Technical Papers of the SID International Symposium in 1992 by Matsushita Corporation, Japan. The unit curvature radius  $R$  varies depending upon the employed panel type.

Fig. 4 is a graph illustrating the relation between the uniformity  $y_1$ - $y_2$  of the visual image and the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 in a 17-inch CRT. As shown in the drawing, the mathematical formula 1 is satisfied in the range of  $8R$  or less. This means that a uniform visual image can be obtained in the range of  $8R$  or less. However, in a range exceeding  $8R$ , the visual image appears to be depressed in the center of the viewing screen. This relation is also applicable to other type CRTs. Therefore, in this preferred embodiment, the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 is determined to be in the range of  $8R$  or less.

The resulting large thickness of the peripheral portion of the panel 1, however, acts to deteriorate brightness. Thus, in order to overcome such an undesirable effect, the ratio of light transmission at the periphery of the effective screen to light transmission at the center of the effective screen should be relatively high. As a result, in this preferred embodiment, the desired ratio of light transmission at the peripheral portion at the diagonal corner of the effective screen to light transmission at the center of the effective screen is determined to be 0.85 or greater. This value is adopted in consideration of the correlation among the panel weight, production cost and productivity.

Accordingly, a clear glass having a central light transmission rate of 85% or more can be used for the panel 1.

Measurement of the central light transmission rate of the clear glass panel is conducted using the following mathematical formula 3:

$$\text{Light Transmission Rate (\%)} = (e^{-\alpha t} - 0.08) \times 100, \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha = 0.006090$  and  $t$  is the central thickness of the panel.

Fig. 5 is a graph illustrating the relation between the curvature radius  $R_p$  and the ratio of light transmission at the peripheral portion at the diagonal corner of the effective screen to the light transmission at the center of the effective screen. As shown in Fig. 5, when the desired light transmission ratio is determined to be 0.85 or greater, the curvature radius  $R_p$  needed becomes 1.2R or more. Conversely, with a curvature radius  $R_p$  of 1.2R or more, the light transmission ratio becomes 0.85 or greater, thereby producing good brightness. However, with a curvature radius  $R_p$  of less than 1.2R, the light transmission

ratio becomes less than 0.85 such that brightness is deteriorated.

Therefore, referring to Figs. 4 and 5, the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention satisfies the following mathematical formula 4:

$$1.2R \leq R_p \leq 8R \quad (4)$$

where  $R = 1.767 \times$  the diagonal width of the effective screen of the CRT.

When the curvature radius  $R_p$  is in the above range, the phenomenon in which the visual image appears to be depressed in the center of the viewing screen can be prevented, such that good brightness can be obtained.

Panel types capable of satisfying the mathematical formula 4 are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1

	C(mm)	A(mm)	B(mm)
15 inch	10.5	34.7	13.65
17 inch	11.5	35.7	15.10
19 inch	12.0	36.2	16.03
25 inch	13.0	37.2	18.22
29 inch	14.0	38.2	20.00
32 inch	15.0	39.2	21.74

where C is the central thickness  $t$  of the panel 1, A is the peripheral thickness  $t_2$  of the panel 1 at the diagonal corner of the effective screen when the light transmission ratio is 0.85, and B is the peripheral thickness  $t_2$  of the panel 1



when the curvature radius  $R_p$  is  $8R$ .

Referring to Table 1, the peripheral thickness  $t_2$  of the panel 1 at the end of the effective screen can be determined using the following mathematical formula 5. This range is given considering the correlation among the factors of thickness, light transmission ratio, and curvature radius.

Referring to Table 1:

$$B \leq t_2 \leq A \quad (5)$$

In the 17-inch panel, the thickness  $t_2$  can be derived from mathematical formula 5 and Table 1 as  $15.10 \text{ mm} \leq t_2 \leq 35.7 \text{ mm}$ .

In addition, the range of curvature radius  $R_p$  defined in mathematical formula 4 can be further limited in view of the characteristics of the shadow mask 5. The shadow mask 5 should have a curvature radius  $R_s$  identical with or smaller than the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 (see Fig. 7). However, when the shadow mask 5 is formed with a curvature radius of more than  $4R$ , it is possible for the shadow mask 5 to become distorted.

Thus, the shadow mask 5 should have a curvature radius  $R_s$  capable of satisfying the following mathematical formula 6, while the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the panel 1 defined in the mathematical formula 4 should be limited by the following mathematical formula 7:

$$1.2R \leq R_s \leq 4R \quad (6)$$

$$1.2R \leq R_p \leq 4R \quad (7)$$

Fig. 6 is a schematic diagram illustrating a horizontal curvature radius

and a vertical curvature radius of the shadow mask 5. In order to minimize the occurrence of the doming phenomenon, it is preferable that the horizontal curvature radius  $R_H$  of the shadow mask 5 as shown in Fig. 6 be identical with or smaller than the vertical curvature radius  $R_V$ . That is, the shadow mask 5 should satisfy the following mathematical formula 8:

$$R_H \leq R_V \quad (8)$$

When the curvature radius  $R_p$  is defined by the mathematical formula 7, B in Table 1 is changed into B' in Table 2.

TABLE 2

	15 inch	17 inch	19 inch	25 inch	29 inch	32 inch
B'(mm)	16.8	18.7	20.7	23.45	25.97	28.49

where B' is the peripheral thickness  $t_2$  of the panel 1 at the diagonal corner of the effective screen when the curvature radius  $R_p$  is  $4R$ .

Therefore, mathematical formula 5 can also be changed into mathematical formula 9:

$$B' \leq t_2 \leq A \quad (9)$$

Therefore, in the 17-inch panel, the thickness  $t_2$  can be derived from mathematical formula 8 and Table 2 as  $18.7 \text{ mm} \leq t_2 \leq 35.7 \text{ mm}$ .

As described above, in the inventive CRT faceplate panel, the curvature radius  $R_p$  of the interior surface 13 of the panel 1 is in the range of  $1.2R \leq R_p \leq 8R$  so that the visual image appears uniformly and clearly across the entire area of the viewing screen.

Figs. 8 to 13 illustrate a cathode ray tube relating to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Referring first to Fig. 8, when a panel 1 is designed having a flat exterior surface and a curved interior surface 13, and a phosphor screen 15 is formed on the curved interior surface 13, an effective screen is formed in a rectangular shape (see a dot-broken line in FIG. 8).

Normally, when an image is realized on the panel 1 in accordance with the operation of the CRT, the image should be viewed in a rectangular shape in response to the rectangular effective screen. That is, the image should be projected to be flat in a user's view on a central line of the panel 1. However, as shown in Fig. 9, an actual image realized in the vicinity of both side ends of the panel 1 is not viewed in a rectangular shape but in a convex shape curved toward both side ends of the panel 1 since a thickness  $H_t$  at the side ends on a horizontal axis  $H_p$  of the panel 1 is different from a thickness  $D_t$  at the side ends on a diagonal axis  $D_p$ . That is, the image realized on the image area is barrel-shaped.

At this point, the convex image has a maximum convex distance  $A$  from a vertical line  $V/L$  defining a rectangular image area on the horizontal axis  $H_p$ . Here, the maximum convex distance  $A$  can be calculated according to the following equation.

$$A = X_2 - X_1$$

where  $X_1$  is a horizontal width from a horizontal effective screen end of the panel 1 to a horizontal image area end on the horizontal axis  $H_p$  of the panel

1, and X2 is a horizontal width from the horizontal effective screen end of the panel 1 to a horizontal image area end on a diagonal axis Dp of the panel 1. Referring to Fig. 10, the X1 and X2 can be geometrically calculated according to the following equations.

$$X1 = Ht \times \tan\theta_H$$

$$X2 = Dt \times \tan\theta_D \times \cos\phi$$

Accordingly, the present invention is provided to prevent the flatness of the entire image realized in the image area from being deteriorated.

To achieve this, as shown in Fig. 11, the phosphor screen 15 having a horizontal axis H, a vertical axis V, and a diagonal axis D is formed such that both vertical side lines thereof have a concave pincushion shape. That is, a length Hd from a central portion O of the phosphor screen 15 to a point on which the vertical side line of the phosphor screen 15 intersects the horizontal axis H is less than a length Dh from the central portion O of the phosphor screen 15 to a point where the vertical side line of the phosphor screen 15 intersects the diagonal axis D. Accordingly, an effective screen defined on the panel is formed corresponding to the shape of the phosphor screen 15. The effective screen has a central portion O', a horizontal axis H', a vertical axis V, and a diagonal axis D' as shown in Fig. 12.

When the phosphor screen 15 is formed in the concave pincushion shape, there is a gap Xpin from a point where the horizontal axis H intersects the vertical side line of the phosphor screen 15 to a point where the horizontal axis H of the phosphor screen 15 intersects a vertical line L vertically

connecting a point where the diagonal axis intersects the vertical side line of the phosphor screen 15 to a point on the horizontal axis H. Accordingly, when both vertical side lines of the phosphor screen 15 are formed to be concave by as much as the gap  $X_{pin}$ , the convex image can be corrected.

5 Here, a value of the gap  $X_{pin}$  approximates a maximum convex distance  $A (X_2 - X_1)$  so that " $X_{pin} - A$ " approximates "0." The gap  $X_{pin}$  is represented as  $X'_{pin}$  in the effective screen (see Fig. 12).

The gaps  $X_{pin}$  according to CRTs having different diagonal widths and thicknesses are listed in Table 3.

10 TABLE 3

No	Hd (mm)	Dd (mm)	Ct (mm)	Ht (mm)	Dt (mm)	$\theta_a$ (°)	$X_2 - X_1$ (mm)	$X_{pin}$ (mm)	$X_{pin}/Hd$ (%)
1	162.55	203.2	11.5	17.2	20.5	38.6	0.9	1.1	0.55
2	162.55	203.2	11.5	19.2	23.5	36.6	1.4	1.57	0.86
3	162.55	203.2	11.5	21.7	27.5	42.2	2.0	2.3	1.23
4	182.9	228.6	12.5	19.5	23.5	38.6	1.2	1.4	0.65
5	182.9	228.6	12.5	22.5	28.2	40.1	1.9	2.1	1.03
6	182.9	228.6	12.5	25.6	33.2	46	2.7	3.1	1.48

In Table 3,  $\theta_a$  indicates a light incidental angle from a side line of the effective screen to a central axis of the screen.

In addition, Nos. 1-3 show data of CRTs each having an effective  
15 diagonal width ( $2 \times Hd$ ) of 404.6 mm, and Nos. 4-6 show data of CRTs each

having an effective diagonal width ( $2 \times Hd$ ) of 457.2 mm.

As shown in Table 3, the length of the gap  $X_{pin}$  is similar to that of the maximum convex distance  $A$  ( $X_2 - X_1$ ). Accordingly, if the following condition is satisfied, the actual image is not realized in the barrel shape but in the flattened rectangular shape.

$$0.5\% \leq (X_{pin}/Hd) \times 100 \leq 1.5\%$$

That is, when the values of the gap  $X_{pin}$  and the length  $Hd$  are ~~set not~~ not set to satisfy the above condition, for example, when  $X_{pin}/Hd$  is less than 0.5, it is difficult to realize the flattened rectangular shape of the actual image.

In addition, when  $X_{pin}/Hd$  is greater than 1.5, the actual image is shown to be concave toward the central portion of the panel 1 when it is viewed from a peripheral portion of the panel 1.

When the phosphor screen 15 is formed according to the above-described embodiment, as shown in Fig. 13, the shadow mask 5 is preferably designed in accordance with the shape of the phosphor screen 15. That is, it is preferable that an effective area 52a on which electron beam-passing apertures 50a are formed correspond to the shape of the phosphor screen 15.

That is, in the effective area 52a having a horizontal axis  $H_s$ , a vertical axis  $V_s$  and a diagonal axis  $D_s$ , a length  $H_{sd}$  from a central portion  $O_s$  of the effective area 52a to a point where the vertical side line of the effective area 52a intersects the horizontal axis  $H_s$  is less than a length  $D_{sh}$  from the central portion  $O_s$  of the effective area 52a to a point where the vertical side line of the effective area 52a intersects the diagonal axis  $D_s$ .

At this point, the curvature radius of the shadow mask 15 is designed to satisfy the above-described conditions.

While the present invention has been described in detail with reference to the preferred embodiments, those skilled in the art will appreciate that  
5 various modifications and substitutions can be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention as set forth in the appended claims.